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Letter from Samuel P. Langley to Alexander Graham Bell, May 4, 1896

Mr. Bell news & look a good photo of in flights SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION. *Washington, U. S. A.* May 4, 1896. My dear Mr. Bell:

I expect to take the 4.25 P.M. train (Sixth Street Station) to-morrow for Quantico, and to spend the night there, hoping to make the trial in the morning.

I am bound to say in advance that the prospects are not good for success, but if you will take the chance of a fruitless journey, I shall be delighted to have you come. May I expect to meet you at the station?

Very truly yours, S. P. Langley